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Dockets Management Branch  
Food and Drug Administration  
Department of Health & Human Services  
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Rockville, MD 20857

Dear Sir or Madam,

The President's Council on Food Safety is interested in public opinion on ways to reduce food borne illnesses in the nation's food supply. Feed withdrawal from turkeys and chickens "has long been shown to markedly increase contamination with both Salmonella and Campylobacter. The birds look for other food sources during feed withdrawal, eating litter [the contaminated material the birds are forced to live in] when they are hungry." Since hens being starved in their cages do not have access to litter, they are driven to "pluck and consume" cage mates' contaminated feathers (Avian Diseased 1995, 39:248).

Please grant United Poultry Concerns' petition to ban forced molting Docket No. 98P-0203/CPI.

Yours truly,

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